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TAGS: SHUM, AR, SW (HAGELIN, DAGMAR)
SUBJECT: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN HAGELIN CASE

REF: STOCKHOLM 2875 AND PREVIOUS

1. SWEDISH PRESS REPORTED OCTOBER 1 THAT SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER HAD MET HER ARGENTINE COUNTERPART VICE ADMIRAL OSCAR A. MONTES IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 30 TO UNDERLINE AGAIN OFFICIAL SWEDISH CONCERN OVER HAGELIN'S FATE. SODER SAID SHE WAS LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT MONTES WAS BEING HONEST WHEN HE SAID THAT ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES COULD NOT DEFINITELY STATE WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HAGELIN AFTER SHE WAS KIDNAPPED BY ARMED SOLDIERS EIGHT MONTHS AGO FROM A FRIEND'S HOME. MONTES WAS SAID TO HAVE PROMISED TO ASK THE ARGENTINE MINISTER OF INTERIOR TO MAKE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

2. PRESS HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 29 THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON HAD TURNED OVER A REPORT TO THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN MID-AUGUST WHICH STATED THAT HEGELIN WAS ACTUALLY "A GUERRILLA SOLDIER IN FLIGHT" INVOLVED WITH TUPEMARO GUERRILLAS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE REPORT WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWED BY A SHARP TELEGRAM FROM PRIME MINISTER FALLDIN TO GENERAL VIDELA ON AUGUST 18. IN NEW YORK, HOWEVER, MRS. SODER DENIED THAT THE CONTENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPORT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE TONE OF FALLDIN'S REPLY.

3. COMMENT: THE GOS IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE MEDIA AND THE "LATIN LOBBY" IN STOCKHOLM TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS UNFORTUNATE CASE, AND THE SODER-MONTES MEETING SHOULD BE SEEN IN THIS LIGHT. HOWEVER, A COMPLICATING FACTOR IS THE FACT THAT HAGELIN IS AN ARGENTINE-SWEDISH DUAL NATIONAL. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE FOUR OF 1930 HAGUE CONVENTION, AS MRS. SODER HAS POINTED OUT, HAGELIN WOULD HAVE NO RIGHT TO SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION WHILE RESIDING IN THE COUNTRY OF HER SECOND CITIZENSHIP. SWEDES ARE AWARE OF THIS AND SEE IT AS A POSITIVE SIGN THAT THE GOA HAS NOT RAISED THIS ARTICLE (AT LEAST PUBLICLY) TO CUT OFF FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER.
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